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Sardar Envisages Week's Struggle

Declares Nation Will Stand Solidly By Mahatma: Reply To Viceroy's Councillors

AHMEDABAD, July 29.

"Mahatma Gandhi's last struggle will be short and swift, and will be finished within a week", declared Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressing an open air meeting of students this evening on the occasion of the inauguration of the National Students' Union.

He said that no Indian would remain aloof from the coming struggle which would be unique of its type. Students would leave their studies and join it.

There were divisions among the student world of India, but they should be bridged. Attempts were being made by the third party to divide Indians. But the Congress was prepared to hand over the administration of the country to the Muslims if it was offered to them.

THEY REAPED BENEFIT

The members of the Viceroy's Executive Council had started advising the Congress to desist from the struggle. The Congress had never taken power except for the brief period of two and a half years, when it tried to serve the people as much as it could. The benefit of its struggles was reaped by others, who were offered high posts. They said that the Congress was supported by only a handful of people. It would be seen now many people were behind the Congress when Mahatma Gandhi launched the struggle after the conclusion of the meeting of the A. I. C. C. at Bombay.

The British and the American Press was perturbed, as it was never before perturbed. The Congress was asked to wait till the conclusion of the war, when India would be freed. If India was really to be freed after the war, why was she not freed before the war?

The promises given during the last war were not fulfilled, and India was given the Rowlatt Act and the Jalianwalla Bagh for her unstinted help.

The Congress had become wiser by experience, and wanted freedom for defending India against foreign aggression, which was said to be imminent.

Freedom of India would mean the end of all wars in the world.

AHRARS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO CONGRESS

Raja Gulzar Khan President of the Provincial Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam, Bombay Presidency has issued the following statement:—

"When all hopes of an amicable settlement and negotiation have frustrated about the Indian political situation and the country is facing a grave peril. The National Congress has after careful consideration, finally decided to lead the country to attain its goal by throwing away the foreign yoke. All organisations are thinking over the situation very seriously at this critical juncture to join hands with the Congress in its new move.

"I have consulted various zealous Ahrar workers and Ahrar minded friends in the Province about it, because it will be ridiculously against the principles of the Independence Pledge, that Ahrars should remain watching the affairs without actively participating in it. All workers and prominent members have assured me of their fullest co-operation in the forthcoming campaign which Gandhiji has to launch to attain freedom. I appreciate the Ahrar workers sentiments and I am sure that Ahrars who have always fought shoulder to shoulder with the Congress will not lag behind in this last struggle too.

"I am convening the meeting of the working committee very shortly for further discussions and to inform and suggest the central Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam to participate in this move.

Azad In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, July 29.

The Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad returned to Calcutta to-day from Delhi. He proposes to leave for Bombay on August 2 for the ensuing meetings of the Working Committee and the All-India Congress Committee.

Maulana Azad is still feeling weak.—A.P.

ANEY'S PLAN FOR PROVISIONAL GOVT.

YEOTMAL, July 29.

"It is my firm belief that the two major political parties committed a mistake in rejecting the Cripps proposals admittedly defective as they were", said the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, Overseas Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, addressing a meeting here. "In my view the main principles underlying the reforms in the Cripps proposals were unexceptionable and the British Government may be taken as irrevocably committed to their fulfilment, partly during the period of the war and partly at the end of it."

ANEY'S HOPE

Referring to the latest resolution of the Congress Working Committee, the Hon. Mr. Aney hoped that it would be altered by the A.I.C.C. in the light of opinions expressed on it in this country and outside. "What is needed" he said "is a common platform for all important parties in the country and a common demand. I appeal with all the earnestness I command to Mahatma Gandhi to convene a conference of representatives of all important parties in the country and prepare a scheme acceptable to all.

Success achieved in this direction at the present juncture would to my mind, prove the capacity of the Congress to form a Provisional Government at which it aims on the withdrawal of British power from India."

Mr. Aney voiced his conviction that India could expect to be free only if the Allies succeed in winning the war.

Mr. Aney leaves for Poona tomorrow evening by the Bombay Mail.—A. P.

Shankerrao Deo Explains Wardha Resolution

While Mr. Shankerrao Deo, was addressing a public meeting held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at Lal Baug, on Wednesday evening, a party of Communists who were members of the audience began to shout slogans in support of the war. They were, however, pacified by the Congress volunteers who were present at the meeting to keep order and some members of the crowd.

Mr. Deo, then continued his speech and explained the significance of the Wardha resolution passed by the Working Committee.

Mr. Ashok Mehta, presided over the meeting which was largely attended by workers from the mill area.

SWIFT MOVEMENT.

Mr. Deo outlined the nature of the movement that is to be launched by the Congress after the ratification of the Wardha resolution by the A. I. C. C. and said that this struggle would be final. It would be very swift and there was no doubt about its result. The whole country was expected to respond to the call of the Congress and this time India shall be free.

Mr. Ashok Mehta, made a strong appeal to the citizens of Bombay to be prepared to participate in the coming national struggle.

BOMBAY LEADS

Bombay had always given the lead in the previous movements. This time Bombay was selected to be the venue of the historic session of the A. I. C. C. which would take the momentous decision. He appealed to every man, woman and child to rally round the Congress banner and make the struggle a success.

National War Front To Carry On Anti-Congress Propaganda

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, July 27.

The National War Front is being extended and reorganised in order to serve as a propaganda front against the threatened move of the Congress. Paid organisers are being employed all over the country. The Central Organisation is likely to appoint Begum Shah Nawaz as the Woman Organiser for the whole of India. The Begum is the only woman member of the National Defence Council.

KHAKSAR CHIEF'S APPEAL TO CONGRESS

MADRAS, July 29.

Allama Mashriqi has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other Congress leaders:—

"My honest opinion is that Civil Disobedience is a little premature. First concede wholeheartedly and with a hand-shake to the Muslim League the theoretical Pakistan. Thereafter unitedly make a demand of 'Quit India'. If refused, start total disobedience. Think profoundly judging the consequences. The country is emasculated and in the midst of a war, and is unprepared. A real, dynamic and vitalising incentive is necessary for the successful termination of the struggle".—A. P.

India Not British Domestic Issue

CALCUTTA, July 29.

"In a war with Japan and Germany no Government of India can do other than fight against the internal revolution, such as the Congress now threatens," writes "the Statesman" editorially under the heading "The Finger of Fate."

"The challenge, if persisted in", the paper continues, will of course be taken up. Sir Stafford Cripps has rightly told America that Mr. Gandhi's threatened campaign must be prevented in the interests of the Allies. But that is another way of admitting that India can no longer be a British domestic issue. America and China are too deeply concerned to be mere spectators of a tragedy produced by doubl-headed folly."—A. P.

NEW YORK BROADSIDE AT MAHATMA

NEW YORK, July 29.

Mr. Gandhi's attitude was denounced in a broadcast from New York on Monday night by Mr. James Gerard, former United States Ambassador in Germany.

He declared: "Hindus who keep their forty million untouchables in worse than slavery will appeal here in vain for our interference in Mr. Gandhi's backstabbing campaign".

He accused Mr. Gandhi of preparing to hinder the British and Americans in their defence of India against the Japanese.—Reuter.

'HARIJAN' ARTICLE FEATURED

WASHINGTON, July 28.

Mahatma Gandhi's article in the 'Harijan' warning Japan that India will resist invasion has been prominent in American newspapers this week.—Reuter.

BERLIN NOT OUT OF BOUNDS

No Anglo-German Pact For Immunity Of Capitals From Bombs

LONDON, July 29.

It is officially denied in London that there is any agreement or understanding with Germany for the R. A. F. or the Luftwaffe to refrain from bombing London and Berlin.

TRAWLER SHOOTS DOWN NAZI FIGHTER

The shooting down of a German fighter by the British trawler 'Andradite' is announced by the Admiralty to-day. A "Messerschmitt 109" attacked two British trawlers returning from patrol in the English Channel this morning. The trawlers 'Andradite' and 'Lois' both opened fire. There were three slight casualties in the trawler 'Lois'. There was no damage of any consequence to the trawlers.

Plan To Convene Commonwealth Labour Conference

LONDON, July 29.

The National Executive Committee of the British Labour Party has suggested the holding of a conference of Political Labour Parties in the British Commonwealth and is consulting the parties concerned. Sir Walter Citrine General Secretary, suggested earlier this week the convening of a Commonwealth Trade Union Congress.—Reuter.

The death occurred at his residence on Wednesday morning of Hakeem Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din, the well-known Unani Hakim of Lucknow at the age of 75 following a severe attack of paralysis.

R. A. F. Raid On Hamburg Again

Aerodromes In Low Countries Also Bombed

LONDON, July 29

It is officially stated that Hamburg was again attacked by a strong force of R. A. F. bombers last night. Thirty-two bombers are missing.

Announcing the second R. A. F raid on Hamburg in three nights an Air Ministry "communique states "Hamburg was again attacked last night by a strong force of bombers. There was much cloud over the target and many aircraft attacked from low level. Large fires were seen. Aerodromes in the Low countries were also bombed. Aircraft of the fighter command on offensive patrols attacked railway communications and other targets in occupied France and enemy shipping off the French coast. From these operations, 32 bombers and three fighters are missing. Two enemy fighters were destroyed yesterday by Coastal Command Aircraft on patrol, one by a Sunderland and the other by a Beaufighter."—

Night Raid On East Anglian Town

"During darkness last night a small number of enemy aircraft was over eastern England" says an Air Ministry Communique "A few bombs which were dropped did some damage and at one point a small number of casualties was caused".

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

A cluster of bombs fell on an East Anglian town early this morning. A number of houses were completely demolished and others damaged. There were a number of casualties, four being fatal".—Reuter.

British Planes Clash With Enemy In Bay Of Biscay

LONDON, July 29.

The Nazis yesterday attempted to interrupt Coastal Command's intensive activity against U-Boats in the Bay of Biscay by sending out land-based and float-plane fighters. Fierce combats followed in which Coastal Command aircraft destroyed two 'Meserschmitt 109s' and badly damaged three float-planes and fought off three others. No British aircraft was lost.—Reuter.

TEN ENEMY ALIENS ARRESTED IN U. S.

NEW YORK, July 29.

It is announced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that ten enemy aliens have been seized. They include Maria Kerling, wife of one of the eight Nazi saboteurs, who landed in the United States from submarines.—Reuter.

U. S. Forms Joint Commands

WASHINGTON, July 29.

Following the official announcement that joint operational naval units and army aircraft in the Aleutian Islands have been placed under the command of a naval officer, it is pointed out that joint operations in the Hawaiian area, the Eastern Caribbean, the Aleutians and the sea frontiers area are now under the Navy Command.

The Army commands joint operations in the Canal Zone and Australia.—Reuter.

LONDON: Their Majesties, the King and Queen have given £1,000 to the United Aid to China appeal.

STOP PRESS

BERLIN ON SECOND FRONT

ZURICH, July 29.

Berlin spokesmen, who previously ridiculed the idea of a second front in Europe, have now changed their tune and are telling the German people that a second front is a serious psssibility but the German army in the west is able to repulse any Anglo-American invasion.—Reuter.

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BR. ATTACK ON NAZI CONVOY

Supply Ship Sunk And Armed Trawler Set On Fire

LONDON, July 29.

An admiralty communique announces that shortly after midnight a patrol of British light coastal forces attacked an enemy convoy of one supply ship escorted by two armed trawlers and, some E-Boats. The supply-ship was last seen lying on its side and sinking rapidly. One armed trawler was set seriously on fire and considerable damage was inflicted on other German units. All the British vessels returned to harbour but suffered some damage.—Reuter.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY CASUALTIES

Routine Patrol Activity In Egypt

LONDON, July 29.

Information reaching London suggests that fighting which broke out in the north sector in Egypt on Sunday night lasted little more than a day, leaving the general situation much as it had been, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

It is believed that as a result of the Allies' attack and their own counter-attack the Germans suffered heavier casualties than the Allies.

CAIRO:— To-day's Middle East joint War Communique states: "Land operations were confined to routine patrols with some artillery activity in the northern sector.

Air activity was on a reduced scale in the battle area.

Our bombers and long-range fighters attacked barges near Sidi Barrani setting one on fire.

In the Ionian sea, our torpedo-carrying aircraft scored a hit on a large enemy merchant ship which was seen to be damaged. Heavy bombers of Allied airforces carried out a successful dusk attack on shipping in Suda Bay.

Air activity over Malta was on a reduced scale"

Bombers of the American Army Air Force took part in Monday night's raid on Tobruk.

Large fires were started in the main jetty area and a direct hit was scored on one ship.—Reuter.

ENEMY WITHDRAWS ON KALININ FRONT

MOSCOW, July 29.

The Germans have been forced to withdraw on two sectors of the Kalinin front where they are still attempting to capture an important high road forming the main line of communication between two townships.

A number of local battles are constantly going on on this front.

On Tuesday there was a small but fierce bayonet clash in which several hundred Germans were killed. Russian losses were 40 men. These Red Army men were buried with military honours on the steep banks of the Volga.—Reuter.

AZOV ENCIRCLED?

The Russians have massed 'enormous' armoured forces at Kalach on the Don, west of Stalingrad, according to Stockholm reports quoted by the Vichy Radio.

The reports say that the Russians firmly hold the Kalach heights but run the risk of being outflanked by large German forces which have crossed the Don farther south. It is also reported that von Bock has considerably widened his bridgehead in the Tsimlyanskaya area in the last twenty-four hours. The Railway from Stalingrad to Krasnodar has been cut in several places by aerial bombing and crossed by the German advance units. Marshal Timoshenko's men are said to have withdrawn from Bataisk towards Kushchevskaya fifty miles south of Rostov on the main railway through the Caucasus.

These troops are stated to be also threatened by the Germans who have made a mass crossing of the Don east of Rostov and have reached the River Manich.

South-west of Rostov, the Vichy Radio added, German troops have encircled the port of Azov at the mouth of the Don.

According to a Berlin military spokesman quoted by the German Radio, German motorised troops on Monday continued to advance in the northern part of the Don bend and seized a number of dominating heights to the south-east. The spokesman estimated Soviet losses in the fighting at Voronezh at 2,600 prisoners and 752 tanks.—Reuter.

Non-Stop Tank Battle In The Don Area

Nazi Command Orders Bomber And Fighter Fleet From Egypt To Eastern Front

MOSCOW, JULY, 29.

IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, HITLER HAS TRANSFERRED FOURTEEN INFANTRY DIVISIONS AND TWO TANK DIVISIONS FROM FRANCE TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT, SAYS 'THE RED STAR' TO-DAY.

FROM EGYPT, HE SENT TO RUSSIA THE SECOND AND THIRD GROUPS OF THE FIFTY-THIRD FIGHTER FLEET AND THE SECOND GROUP OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH BOMBING FLEET.

Around Bataisk, the Soviet forces are being hard-pressed. A number of battles are going on on the left bank of the lower Don where the area of fighting spread yesterday, following further German crossings. There is no further nws of the fighting in the Don bend.

At Voronezh the Soviet forces yesterday again improved their positions.

HEAVY ARTILLERY DUELS

On the west bank at the southern end of the front, heavy fighting is in progress against the Hungarians, who are consistently placed in the front line by their German ally and the suffering heavy casualties.

The Soviet air force has been most active all over the Voronezh front, bombing river crossings and German troop concentrations. In two separate engagements yesterday where the Soviet troops attacked, the Germans lost respectively 1,040 and nearly 1,200 killed. Numerous German counter-attacks yesterday produced no results for the enemy. Heavy artillery duels are going on on the north flank. At the close approaches to the city of Voronezh the battle has become more intense on a wider front.

Another case of women and children being used as a screen for German troops on the battlefield is reported.

Fighting In Bataisk Area

The Germans sustained heavy losses in the Voronezh area, says a supplement to the Soviet "communique."

It adds 'One of our infantry units in ten days' fighting annihilated 10,800 German officers and men, 58 tanks, 28 aircraft and 88 lorries. 24 guns, 90 machine-guns, many shells and rich booty were captured.

In the area of Tsimlyanskaya, our troops fought defensive battles. Soviet bomber and attack planes struck hard at enemy armoured and motorised units. In one day, our airmen destroyed 36 enemy tanks and 106 lorries carrying troops and war material. Thirteen enemy aircraft were shot down in air combats.

Fierce fighting continued in the Bataisk area. Our troops opposed stubborn resistance to the enemy attacking troops. Yesterday, in one sector 19 German tanks were disabled and 1,100 Germans were killed. Only after the Germans threw in new forces, did our units withdraw to new defensive positions.

On the Bryansk front, our units pressed the enemy back and improved their positions. In a sector of the Kalinin front enemy infantry supported by tanks attacked our positions and stubborn fighting developed. Some inhabited localities changed hands several times.

The Hitlerites in two days fighting lost 2,000 killed or wounded. Prisoners were taken and booty captured.

Big Tank Battle

A big tank battle has been going on without interruption since yesterday morning in one sector on the east bank of the Don opposite the Tsimlyanskaya region. Continual attack and counter attack has marked the fighting on this front.

The German aim everywhere is to push the Soviet forces away from the river so that the Germans may be able to consolidate and enlarge their bridgeheads. In several sectors, they have succeeded in doing so.

German tanks took heavy punishment in crossing the river, but they have rushed reinforcements and heavy air support.

In another sector of this Front, the battle has been raging with varying success for three days. Yesterday, the Russians counter-attacked with a strong force and succeeded in breaking the German resistance but fresh enemy reserves followed up with a new attack.

Soviet Raid On 'Important Port'

MOSCOW: Russian planes have raided "important port" on "the Northern front" causing five big fires, "Pravda's" correspondent with the Northern Fleet reported to-day.

An enemy tanker was sunk and three large transports and a barge set on fire and several warehouses destroyed.

On Leningrad Front

MOSCOW: Fierce counter-attacks on the Leningrad front by the Germans have been launched during the last two days. Tank battles ensued. The Germans were beaten off with heavy losses.

The Germans have recently been inundating Leningrad from the air with leaflets boasting that they would soon take the town by storm. Soviet forces have taken offensive action in several sectors.

Soviet Hospital Ship Bombed

A German bombing and machine-gunning attack on a Soviet hospital ship in the Black Sea filled with seriously wounded Soviet soldiers is reported by the correspondent of the "Red Fleet", the organ of the Russian navy.

Although Red Cross signs were plainly displayed 12 German dive-bombers bombed the ship, which however was not hit, he says. An hour later, torpero-carrying aircraft attacked. The wounded were lowered into lifeboats which were machine-gunned and bombed from a very low altitude some distance from the shore.

Three Nazi Transports Sunk

The Soviet midnight 'communique' states:

In the Bay of Finland our warships sank three enemy transports of a total displacement of 19,000 tons."

GRAVER THAN EVER

Robert Mogidoff, the Moscow correspondent of the National Broadcasting Corporation, stated in a broadcast early this morning. "On the whole the situation now seems graver than at any time since the outbreak of the war.

The German war machine is striking at the very vitals of Russian but there is no panic. The Russians are strong people and they are still confident in Soviet victory. They need our help and by this they mean a second front."

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C. G. KALE, Secretary, House Collapse Inquiry.
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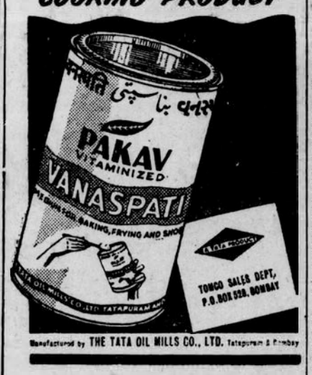

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ROADS AND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT

Need For More Attention For Rural Areas

The importance of concentrating more attention on rural road development and of improving the city footpaths was stressed at the annual meeting of the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association Ltd; held at the Electric House on Wednesday evening. Hon. Mr. R. H. Parker, the President of the Association, was in the chair.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Parker referred to the dearth of vehicles which had effected transport and urged upon the Government to arrange for a larger number of vehicles to be obtained for civilian market so that the capacity of road transport may be preserved and increased. He further stated that petrol rationing had resulted in many vehicles c tailing their normal operations. In this connection he was glad to find that the Government were encouraging the use of alternative fuels such producer gas and rectified spirit which being cheaper than petrol effected a good saving in the running costs.

Mr. S. Zabvala appealed to the Association to do something to provide the cities with better footpaths.

Mr. K. F. Nariman stressed the desirability of concentrating more attention on rural road developpment.

The report was adopted unanimously.

Retail Trade Control And Licensing Order

The Government of Bombay, under the Defence of India Rules have made a new order called the Bombay Retail Trade Control and Licensing order. It will come into force in any area on such date as Provincial Government may, by a notification in the Official Gazette appoint in this behalf.

No person shall engage in any undertaking which involves the sale, or storage for sale, in retail quantities of any controlled article except under and in accordance with a licence issued in that behalf by an officer authorised by the Provincial Government.

The officer authorised to issue licenses under sub-clause (1) may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, refuse to issue a licence to any person.

An appeal shall lie to the Provincial Government against an order made under sub-clause (2) within 15 days from the date of the order.

Controller's "No" To Kerosene Consumers

In spite of instructions recently published, domestic consumers are applying to the Controller of Kerosene (Industrial Use), Bombay, for permits for quantities more than a quart. Domestic consumers are again advised by the Controller that no such applications will be granted.

Betawad Municipality To Be Superseded

The Government of Bombay has decided to supersede the Betawad Municipality in the West Khandesh district for a period of four months from October 1. For over nine years the municipal administration has been inefficient and unsatisfactory from every point of view. The municipality had been asked on several occasions to improve its administration but it failed to take any steps for the improvement of its affairs nor does it seem that it will ever do so.

Best Traffic Union Deplore Broomfield Findings

"The following resolution was passed at the General Meeting of the BEST Traffic Union held at Damodar Hall, Parel, on Sunday last.

The BEST Traffic Union expresses its keen disappointment at the Broomfield Award which only tardily meets the demands made by the employees of the B.E.S. & T. Company.

While the Union's demand for consolidation of 1918 dearness allowance with the basic pay has been admitted by the learned Adjudicator as 'perfectly reasonable', consolidation has been granted only in regard to bonuses, which are entirely dependent on the wishes of the Company, and not with regard to provident fund and gratuity as was demanded. The Union deeply regrets that even this small concession which has been granted is not made applicable to a large number of Tramwaymen and Busmen, as they belong to the old grade.

The Union notes with deep regret that the amount of dearness allowance is very much less than the one obtainable by a Textile employee under the award of the Millowners' Association. The dearness allowance is far too low to meet the demands of the lower paid staff of Tram and Bus, which cannot compensate for the increased standard of living.

The members of the BEST Traffic Union will call upon all employees of the B.E.S. & T. Company, in Bus, Tram and Workshop Departments to gather their forces together under the banner of one Union, and to strengthen their organisation for further fight for justice."

Ceylon Learns Lessons Of Burma And Singapore

COLOMBO, July 29.

Ceylon is determined to profit by the lessons of Rangoon and Singapore and will take no chances.

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To Mr. J. L. Kotalawala, Ceylon's Minister of Communications and Works, goes the credit of conceiving the idea, and founding the organisation—which is also known as "Kotalawala's Blue Boys".—on account of their blue uniforms.—A. P.

Hindi-Gurmukhi Circular Withdrawn

SIMLA, July 29.

The "United Press" understands that the Hindi-Gurmukhi circular over which there was considerable agitation in the Punjab among the Hindus and Sikhs has been withdrawn by the Punjab Government. An official announcement in this respect is expected shortly.—United Press.

India Govt. Contradicts

NEW DELHI, July 29.

The attention of the Government has been called to a statement by the General Secretary of the Congress to the effect that the Government of India has announced its decision to defray the education expenses of every evacuee pupil above the age of eight for a period of five years.

There is no authority and foundation for this wholly incorrect statement.—A. P.

The Government of Bombay has decided that no fee should be payable in respect of the registration of certificate of transfer of house sites granted by a Mamlatdar under sub-section (3) of section 18 of the Bombay Tenancy Act, 1939.

Locust swarms continued to roam over almost the whole of Rajputana and Central Indian States, invading some new areas in the east and south-east viz. Etawah, and Jhansi districts of the U.P. and Gwalior State, during the first fortnight of July.

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Hightide: 1-14, 13-48. Lowtide: 7-12, 20-02

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW WEST END—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6 and 9
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Road to Singapore" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Smilin' Through" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Gharki Laj" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
KOHINOOR—"Sangam" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
BROADWAY—"Khilauna" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Son of Fury" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"Bharat Bhet" 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45
EXCELSIOR—"In the Rear of the Enemy" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
SUPER—"Call of Youth" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
NOVELTY—"The Thief of Bagdad" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Sant Chokha Mela" 4, 7 and 10
CENTRAL—"Phir Milenge" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Saugand" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kunwara Bap" 4-15, 7 and 9-30 p.m.
HIND MATA—"Sikandar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
PARADISE—"Whistling in the Dark" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
AURORA—"Bharat Milap" 3-45, 6-30 and 9-45 p.m
PALACE—"A Yank in the R.A.F." 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Tamanna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ankh Michowli" 4, 7 and 10
SWASTIK—"Mata" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30

A.I.S.A. KHADI BHANDARS: A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandars and Khadi Printing and Dyeing Wks., Khadi Shop will remain closed to-day (Thursday), from 2 to 4 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: A Public Study Class on the subject of "Man-Visible and Invisible" will be held at 8-15 p.m. to-day (Thursday) at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road Matunga.

TARUN SANGH (YOUTH LEAGUE) BOMBAY: Meeting of the Executive Committee of Tarun Sangh will be held at its office to-day (Thursday), at 6-15 p.m. sharp.

BOMBAY SHROFFS (BANKERS) ASSOCIATION LTD.: An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of this Association will be held at 233, Sheikh Memon Street, Bombay, to-day (Thursday), at 4-30 p.m

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay attended the Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter at the Freemasons Hall, on Wednesday.

N. W. F. MEETING: Under the auspices of the National War Front a public meeting will be held on Chaupatty sands, to-day (Thursday), at 6 p.m. The speakers will include Mr. J. C. Mitra of Cawnpore, Miss Maniben Kara and Mr. V. B. Karnik.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN STUDENTS' UNION: "The Bombay Suburban Students' Union has decided to hold a Cultural Conference in the middle of August 1942. A Committee has been formed with Mr. Salim Merchant as chairman".

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Under the auspices of the Bombay Theosophical Federation, Pandit Devendra Vijay and Prof. Kanaiyalal will give a public music concert to-day (Thursday), at 6-0 p.m. at the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, Chowpatty. Prof. Deodhar will preside.

G.I.P. RAILWAYMEN'S UNION: Under the auspices of the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, a meeting of the mates, keymen and gangmen, working between Bombay V. T. and Matunga will be held to-day (Thursday), at 5-30 p.m. on the Motor Siding Platform of Byculla Station, near the office of the Resident Engineer, G.I.P. Railway, Byculla.

CITY HEALTH: The Health of Bombay during the week ended 25th July 1942, were as under:—"The total mortality 515 was 80 more than that of the last week and the death-rate registered was 18.0 on the Census population of 1941 which compares favourably with that for the 30th week of 1941 viz. 599 the mortality and 20.9 the death-rate."

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION: A meeting of the Presidency Committee of the N.D.U. will be held at the office of the Union at Mehta House, Apollo Street, Fort Bombay, to-day (Thursday), at 7 p.m. (S.T.) to consider, the situation created by the Congress Working Committee Resolution, and to consider Mr. M. N. Roy's suggestion to hold an All-India Convention of the National Democratic Union.

MEETING IN BHULESHWAR WARD: A public meeting, under the auspices of Bhuleshwar Dist. Congress Committee, will be held to-day (Thursday), at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at Rambha Wadi Kapad Galli Bhandari Street, under the presidentship of Syt. Manibhai J. Sheth when the chairman Syt. Bhanushanker Yagnik and Syt. Chhotubhai N. Shah and others will address the meeting on "The present situation and our duty".

B.B. & C.I. RLY. UNION: Under the auspices of the B.B.C.I. Rly. Employees' Union a number of meetings are going to be arranged to explain to the railway workers their responsibilities due to the present anti-Fascist War. The first meeting will be held to-day (Thursday), at 1-15 p.m. in the Parel Workshops and the second on 31st inst., at 1-15 p.m. at Bombay Central, in the General Foreman's shed.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH: The Harijan Sevak Sangh (B.P.B.) in a Press Note states:—"Sjt. Vaikunt L. Mehta, is appointed Vice-President of the Bombay Provincial Board of the Harijan Sevak Sangh.

Sjt. V. N. Purao is appointed as the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Board of the Harijan Sevak Sangh in place of Mr. Harkisondas L. Jhaveri, resigned. The Board have put on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Jhaveri upto now.

BR. EVACUEES IN CITY: The attention of European British evacuees resident in Bombay Province is drawn to the Registration Order issued by the Government of India on July 18, calling upon them to furnish particulars on the prescribed form to the Commissioner of Police or the District Magistrate, as the case may be. The prescribed forms will be available at the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, or the District Magistrate concerned.

MUSLIM AREA CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE, ("D" WARD BOMBAY): Under the auspices of the Muslim Area Civil Defence Committee, "D" Ward, a First-Aid Training class has been started at Arab Gally at Dr. Kamat's. At present, ten workers will be selected for training. The class will be held daily between 5 and 6 p.m. Dr. Kamat will instruct workers in English, while for the benefit of those who cannot take the full benefit of instruction in English, he had agreed to procure the services of another doctor who will teach in Urdu.

To-day's Propaganda Meeting

A Propaganda Meeting, under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will be held to-day (Thursday), at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.), at Dhanji Street, Tambakanta. Shri Jhinabhai P. Joshi, Vice-President of the B.P.C.C., will preside and Messrs. G. N. Desai, Asoka Mehta, Manibhai Sheth and others will speak on the Wardha Resolution of the Congress Working Committee. Loud speakers will be installed.

PLEA FOR INDO-BR. SETTLEMENT

Kisan Leader's Telegram To "Daily Herald"

Mr. Indulal Yajnik, The President of the All India Kisan Sabha has sent the following telegram to the "Daily Herald", London.

"Your sabre rattling and sermonising attitude towards the stand taken by The Indian National Congress as expressed in its latest resolution has been received with resentment and pain by the Indian people. The main responsibility for not winning the whole-hearted co-operation of the Indian people against Fascist aggression rests entirely with the irresponsible Indian bureaucracy and the British Tories who raised every obstacle in the way of a settlement between the Indian people and the British Government. With a colonial brand of autocracy—which lost Malaya and Burma—in the saddle in India, the Indian people cannot admit the possibility of waging a successful war in the Indian theatre. I, therefore, earnestly appeal to you and all other sympathisers in the Allied Nations with the cause of Indian Freedom which is an integral part of World Freedom, to bring every pressure on the British Government to compel it to settle its differences with the Indian people and hand over to representative Indian leaders the conduct of India's Government. It is only such an enlightened statesmanship and diplomacy that can harness the energies of the Indian people for encompassing the defeat of Fascism which you as well as ourselves so passionately desire."

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING: A meeting of the Board of Control of the People's Volunteer Brigade will be held to-day (Thursday), at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Headquarters of the P.V.B.

The A.I.C.C. Visitors' ticket of various denominations are sold in the City at the following centres:—

1. Congress House, Vithalbhai Patel St., Shri Manekial Vakharia, C/O M/S Mansukhlal Tarwala; 3. Mulji Jetha Market, M/s. Bhagwandas Narandas; 4. Khadi Bhandars: (1) Kalbadevi Road, (2) Dadar, (3) Matunga G.I.P.; 5. Sheikh Memon Street, Govindashram Mithaiwala; 6. Dava Bazar, Princess St.: M/s B.A. Brothers; 7. Cotton Exchange, Marwari Bazar: Shri Hiralal A. Dave, C/o Cotton Brokers' Staff Union. 8. Shri Mahajan Association, Zaveri Bazar: Shri Manibhai J. Sheth; 9. Seeds Traders' Association: Shri Manibhai G. Desai; 10. Grain Merchants' Association: Shri D. K. Mehta; 11. "G" Ward Dist. Congress Committee, Chhotalal Bhuvan, Kalbadevi Road; 12. "B" Ward Dist. Congress Committee, Chhotalal Bhuvan, Kalbadevi Road; 13. Sewri Cotton Exchange: Shri M. M. Munshi and 14. Matunga (G.I.P.) Gujarati Club.

SHEIKHPURA—Sardar Rachpal Singh, Secretary of the Kisan Committee, who was detained under the Defence of India Rules, since April last, has been released. Sardar Jangir Singh, another prominent Kisan worker, was also released a few days earlier.

TAIRSEE'S PORTRAIT TO BE UNVEILED

An oil portrait of the late Mr. L. R. Tairsee, who was actively associated with the Indian Merchants' Chamber since its inception, will be unveiled in the hall of the Chamber by Mr. J. C. Sevalvad, President of the Chamber, on August 4. It has been also decided to institute two prizes to commemorate his memory which will be awarded every year to the candidates standing first and second in the commercial examinations held by the Chamber.

Following the citizen's meeting held in Bombay to mourn his loss, a committee was appointed to collect funds to commemorate his memory. At the recent meeting of the donors, it was decided to divide the funds equally between the Indian Merchants' Chamber and the Bhatia Mitra Mandal. It is learnt that the Bhatia Mitra Mandal proposes to devote the funds to encouraging women's education which the late Mr. Tairsee had made a mission of his life.

Gujerat Railways Co., Ltd.

The Thirty-second Ordinary General Meeting of the Gujerat Railways Co., Ltd. was held on Wednesday evening at the Registered Office, Fort, Bombay, when Mr. R. C. Lowndes presided.

The total improvement in the gross earnings this year is more than Rs. 45,000 and, as a result of a reduction in the working expenses, the ratio of working expenses to gross earnings has declined by approximately 10%.

The results of working the three Sections of the Company's Railways, including Rebate estimated to be due from Government and after making provision for Taxation, show a credit balance of Rs. 1,43,019-15-11.

The Directors declared an adinterim dividend at the rate of 4% per annum, less Income Tax, which absorbed a sum of Rs. 69,000-0-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,10,005-3-11 available for disposal which they recommend should be applied as follows:— Dividend for the Second half-year ended 31st March, 1942, at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum (making 4 1/4% for the year) payable less Income Tax, Rs. 77,625-0-0.

ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Delhi I—Programme

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5 p.m Khayal, Thumri Ghazal aur geet. 5-20 Gulab Bai of Poona. 5-35 Khayal aur Thumri. 6-25 Jawahi Hamia. 5-30 Thumri aur Ghazal. 6-45 Purbi on Sarangi. 7 Do Ghazien. 7-15 Adabi Adalat Men. 3. 7-30 Puria Dhanasiri on Sarangi. 7-35 It has happened. 7-40 Anwar Bai of Agra. 8 Crossing the seas in war-time. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-50 Naat Kedara on sarangi. 10 Raj Rani Mira. 10-20 Usman Khan. 10-35 Gulab Bai.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1.231 kc/s.)

7-30 a.m. Hira Bai Barodekar. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Ahmed Dilawar: 8-25 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 R. M. Dave: 9-20 J. G. Gore: 12-30 Mixed melodies. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Orchestral Melodies. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 R. M. Dave. 5-15 J. G. Gore. 5-25 Ahmed Dilawar. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 D. K. Swami. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 7 Book review. 7-15 R. M. Dave. 7-30 Ahmed Dilawar. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Recorded music. 7-55 Books and Authors. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Congress Resolution: A talk by R. P. Masani. 8-45 to 9 "Dot and Dash": A talk in English by D. F. Karaka. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Think it over. 9-50 War review. 10 Melody Trio.

Bombay II—Programme

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7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Hirabai Barodekar. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 D. Amel. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.
5 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

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7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 Hirabai Barodekar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9-10 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 9-30 R. M. Dave. 9-45 Ahmed Dilawar. 10 Hirabai Barodekar.

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"HOME RULE FIRST"

The Council of the Western India National Liberal Association of Bombay has adopted a one-sided resolution disapproving of the Congress decision but without a word about Government's attitude that provoked it or their duty in the present crisis. The Council also "appeals to all communities and political parties in the country to sink their differences and unite in repelling aggression, and when the war is won, in demanding and getting independence for the country." The Council seems to think that independence would be a calamity during the war, though the All-India Liberal Federation and the non-Party Conference has adopted resolutions demanding a real National Government working as a Cabinet, whose decisions should, as a rule, be accepted by the Viceroy. Only a few days ago the Committee of the U. P. Liberal Association carried a resolution which declared that the expanded Council of the Viceroy did not transper any real power to the Indian members and added. "The duties assigned to the Indian Defence Member are a travesty of the responsibilities that would have been entrusted to him had the Government been sincere in their desire to make Indians feel that the war was as much theirs as that of men of the British race. The committee feels that adequate support for the war effort will not be forthcoming unless the Government at the centre is completely nationalized and the political control of defence is placed in Indian hands. Indians must be trusted as Britishers are and real power must be conceded to them now so that they may be able to put their whole heart into the war effort." The U. P. Liberals feel, with many others, that mass civil disobedience is not "in the best interests of the country' but recognise at the same time that "the attitude of the British Government towards the question of Indian freedom is driving the country to despair." The Bombay Liberals' Council cuts a sorry figure in not daring to warn Government of the consequences of their obdurate attitude towards the country.

Tilak's Slogan

At a public meeting at Nagpur on Tuesday held in connection with the Tilak Anniversary Mr. M. S. Aney said that the Lokamanya stood for help in the last war. The present war is different from the last in many ways. Tilak's help then was conditional. His exact attitude may be gauged from the following extract from a written speech which was meant to be delivered at the Bombay Provincial War Conference held in Bombay on 10th June 1918 but which was ruled out of order by the Governor, Lord Willingdon, who presided over the Conference. Tilak said in that speech:

"I must impress upon the attention of Government the popular view that Home Rule and home defence must go together Pressure, official or unofficial and pecuniary inducement may perhaps secure for the occasion the Persian hordes who accompanied Xerxes, the then Satrap of the East, to Greece. But the enthusiasm of the Greek citizens who defeated these hordes cannot be purchased by money. For that purpose the hearts of the people must be touched; and these can only be touched by granting them Home Rule.' 'Home Rule First" was Tilak's slogan in 1918 to elicit maximum cooperation. How can his countrymen be satisfied with crumbs a quarter of a century later?

Congress President's Lead

Yet Mr. Aney, a disciple of the Lokamanya, is satisfied with Cripps' crumbs and said at Nagpur that the Cripps proposals should have been accepted by all parties He thinks that the mere coming together in the Executive Council helps to "rub away" differences. We know but too well that co-operation without power rubs away much that ought not to be rubbed. And that is why all responsible parties summarily rejected the Cripps proposals. However, we agree with Mr. Aney that now at least all concerned must put their heads together and find out a solution of the deadlock. That is precisely how the Congress President interprets the Working Committee's resolution. His latest statement should allay all the fears of the United Nations about India's co-operation in war after she is free. Referring to the fear that India's independence in the midst of the war will be fraught with grave risks, he says: "Those, who are trying to make out that the demand of India's independence is unreasonable in the midst of a war, may pause to consider that Free India offers to throw its entire weight on the side of the Allies. Surely the recognition and guarantee of Egypt's independence did not present any difficulty in the way of Allies even though Egypt has remained neutral. But Free India is committed to full participation in the United Nations' fight for freedom and peace of the world." If the United Nations have still any doubts and fears they may be removed through negotiations. At any rate an attempt must be made in that direction, particularly by those who wish to avert mass civil disobedience.

The Egyptian Front

The British attack in the northern sector of the Egyptian front on Sunday night was not the success it was hoped to be. During the night Allied infantry penetrated into Axis positions but armoured support could not follow owing to its being held up by minefields and anti-tank defences. The Allies had eventually to withdraw to their original positions under Axis counter-pressure on their unsupported infantry. As a result the attack or rather the "large scale raid," as a later report describes it, did not bring the dividend expected even though it helped Auchinleck to capture some prisoners and supplies. But even though the material gains were disappointing it should be definitely welcomed. It proved that the initiative still remained in the hands of the British and it served to make the Axis commander use up his supplies and spend his time fighting instead of resting his troops and further strengthening his position.

But the initiative which Auchinleck retains has to be exploited continually and all along the front. For the vital fact that Monday's fighting has brought out conspicuously is that given even a three-day respite Rommel can do much in the way of strengthening his defences. If the British want to remove him from Egypt they cannot allow him any rest and must press on with these "raids" even if they are repulsed every time. It is now even more necessary because Rommel seems to be contemplating another division even if not immediately. A small Italian force is reported to have captured the Suva Oasis on the Egyptian border far to the south of the coast. It may not be of any immediate strategical importance. But the fact remains that the British have lost and the Axis gained a valuable observation and listening post which can in due course be put to more important use by whichever side holds it. And how is it that the British were unable to hold it even against a small Italian force?

Frankly Speaking

Bevin Scheme

It may be conceded that the Bevin scheme will give a number of Indians such technical training as is necessary for speeding up war effort. The technical training of any kind may not be of any use after the stoppage of war effort unless Government protect and develop Indian industries against cut-throat competition with more advanced countries like Britain and America. As regards the insistence of the "Times" that "India must come into the industrial heritage at the present level", if this means that India should not be more industrialised than she is to-day, the suggestion comes naturally from the "Times" but will as naturally be declined with thanks by India.

Double-Barrelled Scheme

The Bihar Government have formed an ambitious scheme of forming village defence parties for the laudable double purpose of checking crime, which is increasing, and resisting the enemy that are at the gates. The villagers are prepared and say: "Give us the tools and we shall finish the job." But Government reply it is impossible to arm all or many; for "at present" new firearms are not available, though evidently they hope that in God's good time sufficient arms may yet be available. So they have decided upon a compromise It is that "the most that Government can do is that in any village, where there are no guns, licenses may be granted to suitable members of these Village Defence Parties up to a limit of two per village". That is not all. With characteristic resourcefulness Government have suggested that "much useful work can be done even by ordinary weapons like lathis." The work can be particularly useful if the dacoits or the enemy do not use anything more than lathis We seriously suggest that the news of the scheme should not be allowed to reach the enemy.

Government's Responsibility

With the avowed objects of ensuring "more equitable distribution of commodities among retailers" and protecting the public from over-charging the Government of Bombay have decided that shops dealing in controlled commodities should be licensed. The new system will be judged by its results and not by its avowed objects or its technique. If things go wrong it will not do for Government to blame the retailers. And we hope the new scheme is not a prelude to a reduction in the number of Government grain shops. The shopkeepers can be compelled to charge a maximum price for any article but they cannot be compelled to stock any particular article. The order about licensing mentions many food stuffs. But what about kerosene? The present difficulty in obtaining it is unprecedented and severely strains human endurance. It cannot be got over by mere licensing. Government ought to ensure adequate supplies of all necessaries of life in the city and must provide all these in a sufficiently large number of their own shops, whatever other schemes they may experiment with.

The I.M.S.

Discrimination against Indians in the Indian Medical Service has been so common in one form or other that recruitment to the Service in India is hardly satisfactory. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Member for Health, Education and Lands, stated at a press conference at Delhi: "Recent figures of intake have ranged between fifty and seventy a month for the I.M.S. and we hope in future to get some fifty a month from England. This leaves about 120 a month to be recruited over and above the present rate of recruitment to the I.M.S. So, as a special inducement to brisk recruitment the Government of India have announced that fifty per cent of the permanent vacancies in the Indian Medical Service after the war will be reserved for medical men, who have accepted emergency commissions for war service. This is but fair—so far as it goes. But there is a catch in it, as there is in many such war concessions. The emergency commission-holders include both Indians and Europeans, and Government have discreetly declined to fix the proportion of Indians and Europeans in the grant of permanent commissions after the war. There is every probability that Indians will get but a small share and past experience shows that the probability is high. It is time that the civil side of service was ended. If it is needed for military purpose, it should be wholly Indian after the war.

INTERESTING QUESTION HOUR IN COMMONS

Labourite To Raise Shipping Issue Again As Replies Were Unsatisfactory: Post-War Problems Loom Large

LONDON, July 29.

Mr. Churchill does not at present intend to make any war statement before the Summer recess. This was announced in the Commons today by the Leader of the House, Sir Stafford Cripps.

HEAVY INDUSTRIES IN POST-WAR SCHEME

A suggestion by the Archbishop of Canterbury recently, that after the war heavy industries should be placed under international control with a view to their being prevented from being used again for purposes of aggressive warfare, was mentioned at question time.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden said this proposal and any other suggestions put forward from time to time would be taken fully into account by those engaged in the study of post-war problems.

WAR AND PEACE AIMS

When asked if the British Government is in complete agreement with the recent statement of war and peace aims made on behalf of the United States by the Vice-President, Mr. Wallace, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, Ambassador Winant, and others, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, replied: "A large measure of agreement exists between the two English-speaking Democracies on the fundamental principles of the main objectives as well as a great deal of harmony in language and expression."

ALTERNATIVE TO WAR

The British Government is entirely in favour of establishing or re-establishing after the war, an International Court of Justice and have noted with much interest Mr Cordell Hull's references to this subject in his speech on July 23.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, made this statement when invited to declare Government's policy regarding a Court of Justice with compulsory powers to adjudicate such questions as intepretation of Treaties, Alliances, Charters and Frontier Revisions as an alternative to war.

Mr. Eden added: "The functions of such courts could not appropriately include certain matters referred to in the question.

INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY

The Government's view is that International Authority after this war must be backed by International Force. In this respect also we are in entire agreement with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull."

Mr. Eden when asked if any definite steps had been taken in conjunction with the United States and other countries to implement these desires, replied: "These things are being examined and discussed as public speeches on both sides of the Atlantic indicate."

When asked if he thought it possible to re-establish the International Cour of Justice at The Hague, Mr. Eden replied: "My language was guarded on that subject of set purpose."

BR. NATIONALS IN FRANCE

Mr. Eden was asked whether in view of the safe conduct given to Italian ships in which Italians were enabled to return to Italy from Abyssinia, he would endeavour to secure from Italy and Germany similar safe conduct for a ship in which British nationals in unoccupied France might be able to return to the United Kingdom.

Mr. Eden recalled that arrangements were made some time ago to provide ships in which British nationals in occupied France could return to the United Kingdom, but safe conducts through the Mediterranean were refused by the German Government. "Since then large numbers of British subjects have been repatriated from Unoccupied France 'via' Spain and Portugal," added Mr. Eden.

"Of those who remain the majority appear to be unwilling for a variety of reasons to leave France.

Nevertheless I will bear in mind the suggestion in case a suitable opportunity occurs for putting it into effect."

When it was stated by the Conservative Member, Mr. Liddall, that there were between 300 to 400 elderly Britishers in Unoccupied France who were anxious to get back, Mr. Eden said he would do all he could to assist them and added: "We have already brought back well over one thousand"

AMONG MERCHANT SHIPS

Greater protection for British merchant shipping by the mounting of guns on ships' oows as well as at the stern was urged in the Commons. Replying for the Admiralty, the Financial Secretary, Mr. George Hall, said "There are normally serious disadvantages in mounting guns in forward positions exposed to the weather and sea, but when such a position is suitable a bow gun is sometimes fitted."

The Labourite, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, declared American ships now being built are being provided with bow guns and asked if Britain was not doing so because of International Law.

Mr. Hall then said a very large number of Britain's larger ships have guns fore and aft. It was only in the smaller ships that there were difficulties and other considerations. Mr. Hall did not reply when again asked if it was the case that merchant ships with guns on their bows could not get into certain Neutral Ports. Mr. Shinwell gave notice that owing to the lack of reply regarding International Law he would raise the matter again.

SHIPPING LOSSES

"No, Sir," the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, replied when asked if he could now announce that the United Nations had agreed on a common method of notifying shipping losses.

Asked when he would be able to make the announcement as American shipping losses are published daily Mr. Attlee said: "I have already answered, No".

Mr. Attlee did not reply when asked if the reason for refusing to publish British shipping losses was that the British Government were negotiating with the American Government regarding the arranging of a joint statement.

The Labourite, Mr. Shinwell, gave notice that he would raise the matter again.

The Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. Hall, declared that all British ships are armed against air attack and there are special provisions for the protection of personnel. Ships working in more dangerous areas are given special consideration.

Mr. Shinwell declared a recent convoy proceeding in a very important direction was denuded of Admiralty protection almost at the last minute and a large number of vessels were lost. He gave notice that he would raise the matter again.

AIRCONDITIONING TANKS

Recent suggestions of refrigeration in German tanks were examined by the Minister of Production, Mr. Lyttelton. The widespread belief of the existence of refrigeration in German tanks, said the Minister, probably arose from a recent illustration in the daily press purporting to show a refrigeration plant in a German tank. This was a diagrammatic picture and not a photograph and an examination by experts showed that the machine illustrated made no contribution to the problem of cooling tanks. "Installation of any kind of refrigeration or cooling plant in tanks," continued Mr. Lyttelton, "raises the serious problem of space and weight. Nevertheless the Ministry of Supply has set up a small panel to obtain all possible information on airconditioning equipment and its application to vehicles".

Sir Alfred Knox (Conservative): "Are our tanks in Egypt now as cool as the German tanks?"

Mr. Lyttelton: "Yes; as far as we know. I cannot give a precise answer to that question."

PURCHASE OF RUBBER

Asked what steps had been taken to get all available supplies of crude rubber from the Belgian Congo, Brazil and Bolivia, Mr. Lyttelton, Minister of Production, announced that an agreement has been reached with the Belgian Colonial Ministry under which the British Government would purchase the rubber output of the Congo at a price calculated to bring forward the maximum quantities available. Steps have been taken to reopen abandoned plantations in the Congo, to transfer labour from less essential industries and to publicise the need for the collection of wild rubber.

The production of rubber in Brazil and Bolivia was being dealt with by the United States Government which would spend five million dollars on developing rubber in the Amazon Basin, send a mission to develop rubber resources there and to buy all Brazil's exportable surplus rubber. The United States Government were also buying the total production of Bolivian rubber.—

Planes Of Br. Overseas Airways

Air services have been established for the carriage of urgent war freights and for other freight service on suitable routes.

The Air Secretary, Sir Archibald Sinclair announced this in the Commons today. He added: "Apart from the R.A.F. transport services the British Overseas Airways now operate six freight-carrying services from the United Kingdom as well as war transport services from other terminals."

Sir Archibald was twice pressed to say if it was true that the Overseas Airways Corporation possessed only one hundred aircraft, the majority of which were obsolete.

He replied: "I will neither deny nor confirm that. These are war services and it would be most unfortunate to discuss the matter in the House. We are doing our best to make these services as efficient as we can with the resources at our disposal."—Reuter.

Veiled Threat To Mikado

"Would Be Immured In Tokyo If He Opposed War"

NEW YORK, July 29.

Japan plunged into war because a virtual revolt by military extremists and Nazified ultra-Nationalist organisations had swept away civil control by the threat of mass assassinations of members of the third Konoye Cabinet, said a Lourenco Marques report to the New York "Times" today.

The report added that there were even veiled threats that if the Emperor opposed war, he would be immured in Tokyo as the mere spiritual head of the Nation as Emperors before the Meiji had been.—Reuter.

On Pacific Front

KOEPANG AERODROME BOMBED

LONDON, July 29.

Allied Headquarters in the south-west Pacific:— A "Communique" issued from General MacArthur's Headquarters on Wednesday morning states "GONA:—Allied patrols attacked and drove back the enemy from his advanced outpost positions.

Allied air units carried out three attacks scoring numerous hits on enemy installations

TOWNSVILLE:—An enemy flying boat approaching just after midnight was intercepted by our fighters jettisoning its bombs into the sea. It was hit repeatedly and was last seen losing height and is believed to have been destroyed.

TIMOR:—Allied units bombed Koepang aerodrome scoring hits in the target area. Enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

PORT MORESBY:— A single enemy plane under cover of darkness dropped several bombs without damage.'—Reuter

CHINESE CAPTURE STRATEGIC HEIGHTS

CHUNGKING, July 29.

The Chinese forces in Kiangsi Province have captured strategic heights dominating the towns of Kweiki, Yingtan and Linchwan, says to-night's Chinese Communique. From these they are now attacking the three towns. Japanese columns attacking Chinese positions in the Tahungshan mountains, north-west of Hankow have been repulsed, adds the Communique.—Reuter.

Jap Ship Sails From Liverpool

LONDON, July 29.

The Japanese repatriation ship 'El Nil', which had been awaiting Axis assurances of safe conduct sailed from Liverpool this afternoon for the Far East.

Stay-in-Strike In Nagpur Mill

NAGPUR, July 29.

About five-thousand workers of the Model Mills resorted to stay-in-strike this morning following alleged failure of the management to redress their grievances. —United Press.

Tramway Workers Accept Award

CALCUTTA, July 29.

At a meeting held at the Calcutta University Institute this evening, the workers of the Calcutta Tramways Company accepted the award of the Bengal Government on the dispute between the Tramways Company and its employees. The meeting further put forward a demand for the recognition of the Workers' Union by the Company.—A. P.

Dearness Allowance To Municipal Employees

CALCUTTA, July 29

The Calcutta Corporation decided this evening to continue payment of the special war allowance of Rupee one per month to each of its menials and each of its labour staff, drawing a salary of Rs. 30 per month for the duration of the war.

The Corporation further decided that all education institutions under it would remain closed on August 7 on the occasion of the first death anniversary of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.—A. P.

Communist Arrested

BEZWADA, July 29.

Mr. Pachaiapallai Sundaravya, a Communist leader of Nellore, against whom a warrant of arrest had been pending, was arrested last evening in Gandhi Park where he was addressing a meeting setting out the present policy of the Communist Party.

It may be recalled that the Government had announced a reward of Rs. 1,000 for information leading to the arrest of Mr. Sundarayya.—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Addressing Congressmen, Mr. Aney said that the Cripps proposals should have been accepted notwithstanding the fact that they were not perfect, for all parties would have had an opportunity of coming together and evolving a common line of action for their governance.

—Report in an Anglo-Indian daily of a Nagpur meeting.

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Apropos of Sir Stafford Cripps's broadcast, an American paper says: "No better spokesman could have been chosen to set forth Britain's intentions."

Jawaharlal puts it in a slightly different way.

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Of course, there is "no foundation" as the New Delhi Press note categorically declares, for the report that Mr. Wendell Wilkie is coming to India as a Presidential mediator or interventionist.

But why did the report worry the Government so much as to provoke an indignant denial?

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* At any rate President Roosevelt has received an official hint in case he ever feels like butting into the business of the Government of India.

Indeed, he should, if he blunderingly did, be prepared to find his nominee treated with due hospitality under the Defence of India Rules.

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"We hope", says a Chinese paper "first that the Congress will not ratify Mr. Gandhi's civil disobedience resolution on August 7 and, second, that Britain and India will resume negotiations for a satisfactory settlement."

We, on the other hand, fear first that Britain will not resume negotiations with India and, second that Congress will ratify Gandhiji's resolution.

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To know the true meaning of a country in bondage, Congress should turn its eyes to Korea, Manchuria, etc., etc.

—Sir Cowasji Jehangir.

For this invaluable sympathy from Sir Cowasji Koreans, Manchurians and Chinese should thank Japanese war lords who have turned Sir Cowasji's eyes to them since December 7, 1941.

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Air Marshal Harris has broadcast to Germany: "You have no chance. Soon we shall be coming every night and every day—we and the Americans."

This, as the Germans must know, is the Air Marshal's second warning in three months. The third will be given in due course in October. And then the Germans must be ready for his coming along with the Americans about the fourth week of December.

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A Cairo review of Monday's operations arrives at the conclusion that they have demonstrated the Eighth Army's power to take and retain the initiative.

Let us hope it doesn't remain content with the demonstration

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Lord Brabazon, former Minister of Aircraft Production, complained in the Lords that he was practically ordered to withdraw his motion regarding the present distribution and use of British aircraft.

Did he want to object to their "distribution" to Russia?

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Reuter reports from Ankara that Hitler's popularity in Germany has declined.

Can't this great news Agency give us something more usefully informative?

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The school master was teaching grammar. The word "teacher" occurring in a sentence, its parsing was asked. The boy answered: "Teacher, Sir, is an immaterial noun, hopeless case, in apposition with the Headmaster, subject to the whims of the Inspector and governed by the preposition D.P.I.

'Postpone A. I. C. C. Meeting

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is evident that the next appropriate steps are for the meeting of the A. I. C. C. to be postponed and for Mr. Gandhi and the members of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress to consult General Chiang Kai Shek and Stalin. Government of India will arrange the necessary transport and the Generalissimo and Stalin will appoint representatives to assist these gentlemen in carrying out their recommendations in the interests of China, Russia, India and the other United Nations.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. PARKER

July 29.

Diversion Of Trains Continues

BOMBAY, July 29.

The Divisional Superintendent, N.W. Railway, from Karachi wires that due to flood water not having subsided on the Ruk-Larkana, Ruk-Shikarpur and Ruk-Sukkur sections through communication will not be restored and transhipment will not be possible for an indefinite period.

Trains to and from Quetta will, therefore, continue to run via Jacobabad-Larkana-Kotri section. —United Press.

TRADE BUYING AND COVERING IN N. Y. COTTON

BUYERS AWAIT NEW LOAN TERMS

Bombay, July 29.

On Tuesday, the New York cotton market was quiet and featureless. There was more disposition to await Washington developments. The Government has not announced as yet new loan terms for the coming crop and are expected to be released by the end of the week. Last year 85 per cent of the parity loan was granted and now there is demand for 100 per cent loan as the Government intends to check inflation.

The New York cotton market declined on increased south-western hedging, long liquidation and New Orleans selling stimulated by discouraging war news and favourable crop advices with buyers holding off awaiting new loan terms and further inflation developments. Latterly there was trade buying and short covering with a subsidence of offerings.

The market opened at a rise of 2 points with October 18.38 which was the highest level and declined to 18.26. Thereafter prices improved and the market closed at a net decline of 1 to 3 points. Spot cotton prices declined one point at 19.72c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also quietly steady and closed at a decline of 1 to 2 points. Spot cotton prices were unchanged at 18.74c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—On Tuesday, cotton opened in a despondent mood and in absence of any tangible support, a sharp fall in prices took place. Renewed all-round liquidation found very few buyers but July Broach was relatively steady with the difference now having narrowed down to Rs. 129/8 from the widest point of Rs. 152. Seeds were also weak but relative steadiness in up-country markets and large sales of groundnuts to U. K. disallowed further serious fall in prices. Silver and gold were adversely affected by other markets. Share prices dropped on disquieting Russian war reports, confused Indian political situation coincided by the month-end liquidation and the weakness of yarn and cloth markets.

While surveying the whole situation, it was believed, the sentiment has been highly convulsed by the unfolding of the Congress plan. Nevertheless, the technical position in all markets has considerably improved after the recent all-round sharp fall in prices. The latest press reports concerning Congress programme are somewhat conflicting and disconcerting and this may not tend to revive complete confidence in commodity markets until the National issue is decided in the second week of next month. Meanwhile, it is thought, the technical considerations may induce minor upturns. With regard to July Broach and Jarilla January difference, consumers' present ideas seem to be that a premium of Rs. 100 to 110 is reasonable until the new crop is available.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York October highest (10 a.m.)	18.38+02
New York October lowest (10-59 a.m.)	18.26—10

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market narrow and feature less awaiting Washington developments.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, July 28.

October	18.35—01
December	18.48—02
January	18.52—03
March	18.63+01
May	18.70
July	18.75+01
Middling Spot	19.72—01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York July 28.

October	18.54
December	18.68—01
January	18.71—01
March	18.83—01
May	18.88—02
July	18.94—02
Middling Spot	18.74

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York July 28.

October	18.31
December	18.45
March	18.89

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, July 29

Following a decline of one point in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open to-day at Rs. 338 for I. C. C. January but the market again opened weak at Rs. 334/8 and declined to Rs. 332 under scattered selling. At the decline there was small support and prices recovered to Rs. 334 but again weakened to Rs. 332/8 and steadied at Rs. 336/4. Broach J/A was quoted at Rs. 206. The decline is overdone and those who bought in anticipation of reaction are badly let down. The market is still hesitant. We strongly advise covering sales.

Prices twice moved between Rs. 336/8 and Rs. 333/8 but nervous unloading depressed prices to Rs. 330/8 and recovered to Rs. 331/8. Prices again declined to Rs. 327/8 and improved to Rs. 331/8 and finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

I. C. C. January	Rs.	329	8 0
I. C. C. March		322	8 0
BROACH July/August		200	4 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, July 29

	To-day	Total
Broach	2300	7250

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, July 29.

		Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G	Bengal U P	201	198	195	192	
M G	Punjab	201	198	195	192	
M G	Rajputana	207	204	201	198	
M G	Oomra No. 3	209	206	203	200	
M G	C P No. 1	232	229	226	223	
M G	C P No. 2	219	216	213	210	
M G	Broach No. 2		213	210	207	204
M G	Punjab-American		303	300	297	294
M G	Surat		404	401	398	396
M G	Rajpipla		400	397	394	391
M G	Navsari		409	406	403	400

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, July 29.

	Old.	Ready
Bengal		190/98
Berar	180-85	191/96
C. P. 1	190-95	211/16
C. P. 2	180-85	201/06
Khandesh	150-60	
Mughal	165-70	
Broach	160-65	208/11
Broach Low	150-55	also

Ready Cotton "On" Quotations

Bombay, July 29.

Sind N T 175/225 on Broach J/Aug.
Punjab 289F 185/240 on Broach J/Aug.
P/American 4F 90/125 on Broach J/Aug.
Berar-Jerila 110/140 on Broach J/Aug.
Khandeish-Jerila 90/120 on Broach J/Aug.
Broach 2/40 on Broach J/Aug.
C. P. 1 M. G. Fine 10/15 on Broach J/Aug.

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton Contract January below New York January 549 cent points at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, July 28

Broach July/August highest 211 lowest 207 closing 208 1/2
Indian Cotton Contract January highest 346 lowest 335 1/2 closing 338
Indian Cotton Contract March highest 338 lowest 328 closing 329 1/2

NIGHTS OF AGONY FROM INDIGESTION

Walked Round the Room in Pain

If you have the misfortune to suffer badly from indigestion, you will feel a fellow-sympathy for this woman in her suffering. But now sleepless nights are a thing of the past. She has conquered her indigestion! She writes:—

"I have been really in agony all night after eating even the simplest meal. But now I have found great relief from Digestif Rennies after trying everything else for indigestion. There is no more walking round the room at night. I go out to work armed with my Rennie Pastilles. How you can get so many ingredients into one pastille beats me. Thanking you for preparing so great a remedy.' (Mrs.) A.E.W.

The "many" ingredients in Rennies, which this woman mentions, actually amount to fifteen. They include antacids which neutralise acidity; absorbents which reduce stomach gas; and digestive ferments which actively aid digestion. Rennies dissolve in the mouth. They become active at once, because they reach your stomach full strength—not weakened with water.

You can get Rennies from any chemist or store; a small box costs only a few annas.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 24th day of July 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES—	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	13,23,39,000
Notes in circulation	449,49,11,000
Total Notes issued	462,72,50,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 67.268 per cent.	
ASSETS:—	
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
Sterling Securities	266,85,11,000
Total of A.	311,26,54,000
B. Rupee Coin	29,14,78,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	122,31,18,000
Total Assets	462,72,50,000

Statement of the Affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 24th July 1942.

LIABILITIES—	
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Govt. of India	20,83,31,000
(2) Government of Burma	39,58,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	6,98,96,000
(b) Banks	54,45,57,000
(c) Others	2,23,43,000
Bills Payable	2,94,76,000
Other Liabilities	1,70,77,000
Rupees	109,56,38,000
ASSETS—	
Notes	13,23,39,000
Rupee Coin	8,19,000
Subsidiary Coin	6,78,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	6,24,000
Balances held abroad*	84,56,09,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	99,00,000
Investments	8,39,38,000
Other Assets	2,17,31,000
Rupees	109,56,38,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, July 29.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	410	84,249	100,748
Central India	.....	30,453	146,986
Barsi and Nagar	75	54,158	124,454
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	18,989	50,229
Berar	.....	178,423	380,599
Central Provinces	.....	87,565	77,028
Total Oomras	485	453,847	880,441
Dholeras	.....	33,977	98,135
N W Provinces	.....	1,425	1,618
Rajputana	.....	470	6,711
Sind-Punjab	378	423,945	562,537
Broach	117	320,370	298,105
Coompta & Dharwar	359	33,965	142,123
Westerns-Northerns	696	38,606	106,646
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	224	17,198	12,224
Arrived by road to 2nd July, 1942	.....	92,500	331,133

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, July 29

Yarn No. 6 1/2s	August	237	October 238
Yarn No. 10 1/2s	August	287	October 288
Yarn No. 20 1/2s	August	387	October 386
Yarn No. 40s	August	620	October 625

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, 40s, are nominal.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, July 29.

Castorseed	September	5	0 0
Cottonseed	September	1	12 0
Silver 2nd	settlement	1	10 0
Gold 2nd	settlement	1	6 0

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, July 29

Yesterday, London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. There was small trade demand which was met by production and official sources. New York Spot silver was quoted at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was quietly steady and quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	52	2 0
Ashad		52	1 0
Shrawan		52	0 6
Sovereigns		39	4 0

SILVER

Ready		84	6 0
Ashad		83	12 0
Shrawan		83	10 6

LONDON SILVER
London, July 28

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, July 28

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON PRODUCE
London, July 28

Rozario Santa Fe July/Aug quoted 26/1 1/2
Barletta Russo July/Aug quoted ... 26/1 1/2
South Australian wheat July/Aug quoted 28

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, July 28

T T London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Scattered Buying

Bombay, July 29

The drastic decline in local commodity markets failed have any marked effect on the local Stock Exchange where extreme ease of money remains a sustaining factor. There was scattered buying and prices recovered few points. However the long range outlook is uncertain in view of domestic and foreign political developments. Tata Steel Defds opened to-day at Rs. 1467 and improved to Rs. 1475. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 294 and improved to Rs 296. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1262 and after declining to Rs. 1260 improved to Rs. 1272.

General stability of the Wall Street market indicated that the list has become immunised to bad war news and while there was a little disposition of a general rally, its bearish implications failed to bring out important liquidation, with changes generally minor fractions. U. S. Steel shares closed 3/8 down at 47 3/4 and Anaconda Copper improved 1/8 at 25 5/8. General Motors closed unchanged at 37 7/8 dollars

TEXTILE MILLS

Bombay, July 29.

Apollo 5/2; Ahmedabad Advance 385; Bombay Dyeing 1270; Central India 368; Century 491; Colaba Land 175; E D United 3/3/3; Finlay 205; Gokak 257; Indian Bleaching 189; Indore Malwa 357/8; Kohinoor 488; Lakshmi 827/8; Morarji 620; Mysore 142/8; New Great 272; Phoenix 455; Podar 215; Sassoon Silk 95/12; Sholapur 1400; Simplex 204; Svadeshi 348; Swan 207; Tata Mill 35; Vishnu 1760; New City 272/8.

ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley 1627/8; Ahmedabad Electric 179/6; Ajmere Electric 13/12; Bombay Suburban (old) N 173/12; Bombay Tramways 113/12; Karachi Electric 196/4; Poona Electric 238/12; Surat Electric 183/12; Tata Hydro 171/8; Tata Power 1520.

MISCELLANEOUS

Associated Cement 168/4; Belapur Sugar 218; Bombay Burma 220; Bombay Burma New 72/8, Bombay Steam 345, Shivrajpur 46/0 Tata Steel Defd 1475; Tata Steel Ord 295/8; Prem Construction 119/8; Br B Petrol 1/5/3; Indian Radio Defd 360; Indian Radio Ord 361/4; Scindia Steam 20/3; Tata Chemical 16/12; Tata Oil 62/8; Western India Match 227/8; Burma Corporation 1/15; Indian Iron 25/10; Indian Copper 2/1/6; Steel Corp of Bengal 16/9.

BANKS

Baroda 116/8; Central 50/2; Imperial P P 1532/8; Imperial P P 376/4; India xd 145; Reserve xd 100/3; Union 6/9.

RAILWAYS

Ahmedabad Prantej 941/4; Central Prov. 109/8; Gujarat 109; Hoshiarpur Doab 97; Mandra Bhon 108/8; Sara Sirajgunge 98/8; Sialkot Narowal 113.

INSURANCE

Empire 700; Jupiter 15/2; New India 50/8; Oriental Life 3900; Vulcan Insurance 9/8.

DEBENTURES

4 per cent Tata Chem 1959 125; 4 per cent Andhra 1952 104/14; 4 per cent Bombay Telephone 48/4; 4 per cent Tata Power 1961/55 104/14.

PREFERENCE

5 per cent Ahmedabad Advance 125; 7 per cent Andhra 1570; 7 per cent Bombay Tram 77/8; 6 per cent Bombay Steam 327/8; 5 per cent Central India 682/8; 6 per cent Tata Steel 1st 206/4; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd 136; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 155; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1600; 6 1/4 per cent P Const 1st 122/8; 6 1/4 per cent P Const 2nd 121/8; 5 per cent Svadeshi 138; 5 per cent T Chem 121.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, July 29

The market moved either way with an undecided trend and closed steady. Tata Deferreds after declining to 1460, advanced to 1485 but closed at 1472-8. Tata Ordinaries moved between 294 and 297 and stood finally at 295. Textiles also moved irregularly with Bombay Dyeings being finally quoted at 1273-8, Centuries at 491 and Kohinoors at 487. Indian Irons were at 26-12.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1470) 1465 70 60 85 70 72-8
Tata Ordinaries (293) 295 295 294 297 295
Tata Ordinary 295; Tata Deferred 1472/8; Indian Iron 26/12; Steel Corpn of Bengal 16/10; Bombay Dyeing 1272/8; Central India 367/8; Century 490/10; Gokak 258/2; Kohinoor 487/8; Simplex 204; Andhra Valley 1645; Tata Hydro 173/2; Tata Power 1525; Associated Cement 169; Belapur 219/6; Bombay Burma (old) 218/12

Effect Of War News On London Exchange

LONDON, July 28.

The War news again caused the markets, to keep within narrow limits. The changes were mixed and small in character, although one or two bright spots appeared. Some interest was shown in Irons and Steels, wherein useful gains were scored. Breweries and also Oils recorded minor losses. Giltedged were fairly quiet and recovered partially after early losses. Home Rails declined fractionally in the later stages. Kaffirs and Diamonds were steady at slightly lower levels. The Wall Street was quiet.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, July 29.

2 3/4 per cent 1949-52 98/12
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 92/15
3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 99/15
3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 100
3 per cent 1963/65 93/6
4 per cent 1960-70 108/12
3 per cent 1946 Bonds 102
4 per cent War Bonds 102/2
3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 102/6
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 112/4

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 108/13
4 per cent 1953-53 Mysore 113
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 123

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 104
4 per cent M Deb 1957 107/8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 114/0
5 per cent M Deb 1964 124/4
5 per cent K P T 1956 123/8
Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, July 29

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks Buying 90 Days St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months
B C Rates T T 1/6 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 329 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T Fcs 126 3/4 D D Fcs nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2 D D Fcs nil
LONDON/STOCKHOLM
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call and 1 to 3 months not quoting
4 to 6 months 1/4 per cent
7 to 12 months 1/2 per cent
Tone:—Very easy.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, July 28

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent £65 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later £101
Consols 2 1/2 per cent £32 13/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 £107 7/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent £105 13/16
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 ... £115 5/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent £101 1/2
Chartered Bank of I A and China £6
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London rate) £14
National Bank of India £26 3/4

Latest Commercial

COTTON

DECEMBER.
New York, July 29.

Previous closing	18.48
To-day's opening	18.54
Difference	+.06

To-day's closing see Stop Press.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, July 29.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—
October (18.38/38) 18.40/40
December (18.51/50) 18.54/54
March (18.61/60) 18.65/64

LONDON COMMODITIES
London, July 29.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay July/August (£28 quoted) £28 quoted
Linseed Calcutta July/August (£22 1/2) £22 1/2 quoted
Linseed La Plata July/August unquoted
Groundnuts Coromandal July/August (East Coast India shipment not quoted) West Coast Indian shipment (£25 1/2 quoted) £25 1/2 quoted

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, July 29.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, July 29.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON GOLD
London, July 29.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, July 29.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES
London, July 29.

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, July 29.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
General Motors (dol 38) dol 37 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 5/8) dol 25 7/8
United States Steel Common (dol 48) dol 47 7/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 110 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, July 29.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet to-day

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, July 29.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent 1958-68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £32 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan: £107 13/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100 1/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £115 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 3/4
3 per cent War Loan £102 5/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 18-3
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 38-4 1/8
Electric Music Industry 15-9
Princhin Johnson 24-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical 33-9
Woolsworth Ordinary 53-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £81 1/2
Dundee 27-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 29-0
Ford Motors 25-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £60 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £3 31/32
Carreas 'A' £5 11/32
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/8
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 77-5
Bredfords Dyes 8-6
British Celanese 10-10 1/2
J and P Coates 36-7 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 36-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 10-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-6
Inter Nickels dol 38-0
Indian Iron 40-7 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 14-3
Donaro Tea 25-3
Empire of India 16-9

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6
Guia Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant 14-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 14-4 1/2
Burma Corporation 3-3
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 23/32
Rand Mines £6 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 1/4
Associated Portland Cement 48-1 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 68-9
Sub-Nigel £5 3/4
Spring Mines Split Share £0 15/16
Union Corporation 132-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 43-1 1/2
Burma Oil £1 21/32
Mexican Eagle 9-9
Shell Transport £2 11/32
Royal Dutch £19 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £45
London Midland Ordinary £20
London North Eastern Defd £2 1/8
London Southern Defd £16 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent £123 1/2
London Transport "C" £44 1/2

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, July 29.

The market ruled easier and the volume of business put through was on a restricted scale. Government securities were unchanged.

The following are closing quotations:—

Government securities:—3 per cent defence bonds (1946) 101/14; 3 per cent defence loan (1949-52) 99/12 small lots; 3 per cent Government paper 80 small lot.

Cottons:—Elgin mills 34/4; Kesoram 10/10; New Victoria 5/15.

Coals:—East Indian 15/8 small lot; Sendra 12/8; South Karanpura 4/8; Talcher 2/4.

Jutes:—Anglo-India pref 150; Bally pref 141; Calcutta jute (pref) 107; Cheviot pref 141; Lawrence pref 131 small lot; National 20/14 ex div; Northbrook pref 131 small lot; Sree Luchminarain 13/4.

Mining:—Indian copper 2/2.

Chemical:—Frank Ross 6.

Eng. Companies:—Britannia Eng. 11/14; British India elec cons 8; Indian iron and steel 26/8; Jessop and Co., 18/8; Kumardhubi Eng. 5/9; Kumardhubi pref 144; Marshalls 2; National iron and Steel 11/2; Steel Corpn. 16/9; pref 112.

Miscellaneous:—United flour 13/4 ct.; Aluminium Corpn. 11/2; British Ceylon Corpn 5/12 ct.; Calcutta trams 14; Ivan Jones 1/15; National insulated cable 11.

Papers:—Bengal 131 ct.; Orient 21; Sree Gopal 17; ct.

Real properties:—Humayan property 6/13; Humayan property defd 1/8; Midnapore zemindary 72/8.

Sugars:—Belsund 7; Carew and Co. 13/4 small lot; New Savan 14/6; Punjab 290/8 small lot ct; Samastipore 12/6.

Teas:—Bishnauth 28/1; Lackatoorah 16/8, Namburnadi 7/12; Tezpore 9/6 div.

Debentures:—5 per cent (1955-85) Calcutta Port Trust 118/12 ct; 5 1/2 per cent (1939-47) Dalmia cement 194/12 ct; 5 per cent (1941-49) national screw and wire products 101; 5 1/4 per cent (1938-50) Kohtas industries 104 small lot.—A. P.

CIVIL SUPPLIES

Mr. Fazal Rahimtoola Demands Better Supply Facilities

The report that the question of war transport is seriously engaging the attention of the Government of India and that the Hon. Sir Edward Benthall is going to tackle the problem will be received with great relief throughout the country, states Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, President of the Bombay Co-operative Marketing Society. Every firm and industry in India, he continues, is straining its nerve to help war production. When these industries find that their efforts are handicapped by lack of transport the enthusiasm which prompts them is likely to be slackened and the real spirit will fall to be infused. Along with the war transport problem it is necessary that Government should pay full attention to the question of transport for civil supplies which also has of late assumed a great deal of seriousness. The Bombay Co-operative Marketing Society has all along been making endeavours to meet satisfactorily the question of civil supplies because it is understood that without feeding the public properly the success to be achieved in production of war materials will not materialise. It has been the experience of the Society that even after priority certificates were granted transport could not be obtained and in the meantime fluctuations in prices greatly handicapped the efforts of the Society to supply at fair rates. Again, it appears that there is no co-ordination in the management of the transport conditions as empty wagons are not allowed on occasions to bring back food-stuffs to the needy areas on their return. There should be no delay if the aim is to be achieved of supplying the public at fair rates as business conditions change very rapidly. The Government of India will do well to review the problem of civil supplies also and its transport in consultation with the Provincial Governments and the State authorities so that the supplies at present lying in some parts of the country might be fully utilised on a planned basis to meet the requirements of the scarcity areas. There should be proper co-ordination between the war transport and the civil transport as one without the other will complicate matters and fail to achieve the aim in view when the time has come to ensure maximum results in every direction.

HON. SARKAR TAKES CHARGE

Mudaliar Bids Farewell

NEW DELHI, July 29.

Mr. N. R. Sarkar, member for Education, Health and Lands took over charge of the Commerce Department this afternoon, relieving Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar, who, as has already been reported has been appointed to represent India at the British War Cabinet.

Soon after his return from the meeting of the Executive Council this morning, Mr. Sarkar went round to the roms of his officers, bidding them farewell and thanking for the co-operation and assistance they had given him during his term of office as Education Member of the Government of India.

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar was entertained to a dinner by the officers of his department last night, when he bade good bye to the members of his superior staff.

It is learned that Mr. Sarkar would shortly proceed on a tour to acquaint himself with the price control position in the country.—A. P.

SIR JOGENDRA TAKES CHARGE

SIMLA, July 29.

Sir Jogendra Singh, Member-designate for Education, Health and Lands, Viceroy's Council, took over charge of his portfolio today.

Sir Jogendra Singh left Simla for Delhi this afternoon.—A.P.

MARTIAL LAW EXTENDED IN SIND

KARACHI, July 28.

It has been announced that Martial Law has been extended so as to cover also certain areas in the Dadu, Larkana and Sukkur Districts from July 29.

This action is necessary because between the river Indus and the railway line on the west bank there are considerable tracts of forests which form the convenient places for Hur gangs to collect and take refuge. Further extension of the Martial Law area will enable the river traffic to be introduced for carrying grain, etc., down the Indus. Now there will be the Martial Law on both sides of the Railway line five miles between Kotri and Sukkur.

In view of the floods no Curfew Order will be enforced.

It has been further explained that the Martial Law administration had a salutary effect. Thirty-three Hurs were hanged and a large number apprehended and thus the confidence among the public has been restored.—United Press.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, July 29.

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	135	0 0
Copper sheets		160	0 0

Tone: Steady.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, July 29

Pepper ready		192	0 0
Pepper Shravan		190	0 0
Ginger ready		97	0 0

KENYA GOVERNOR FOR LONDON

LONDON, July 28.

The Governor of Kenya Sir Henry Moore is to fly to London to discuss with the Colonial Secretary matters relating to war effort.

During his absence Mr. G. M Rennie, Chief Secretary of Kenya will administer the Government of Kenya and preside at the meetings of the East African Civil Defence and Supply Council.—Reuter.

FILIPINO'S GIFT TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, (By Cable).

On a visit to the White House, President Quezon of the Philippines presented the Philippine-built Diesel-motored yacht "Lymbas" to President Roosevelt. President Roosevelt accepted the yacht and immediately transferred it to the U.S. Navy. It will be manned by a Filipino crew and will probably be used for duty in patrolling the American coast against submarines.—

EARLY SESSION OF HINDU MAHASABHA

LAHORE, July 29

A request to the President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha to convene a meeting of the Working Committee at an early date to consider the Wardha Resolution of the Congress and give a proper lead to the Hindu community was made by the Executive Committee of the Punjab Hindu Sabha at a meeting presided over by Bhai Parmanand, M. L. A. (Central) —A.P.

EMPLOYMENT FOR BURMA EVACUEES

Defence Dept.'s Assurance To Conference

MADRAS, July 29.

The President of the Burma Indians' Association, Madras, who returned to-day after attending the Evacuees Conference convened at New Delhi by the Government of India in a statement to the Press states:—

Finding employment for the evacuees was discussed at length and this is being handled by the newly created Defence Department for the middle class people and the Department of Labour for technicians and other skilled workmen

As regards Government servants it was announced that the Government of Burma have already commenced paying the leave salaries and they are permitted to take up temporary employment in which case their leave salary would be suitably adjusted.

The conference was assured that all reasonable claims of Indians against the Government of Burma in respect of property commandeered, requisitioned by the Government would be met on production of reasonable proof. Other claims such as property or goods destroyed by enemy action would be considered after the war.

He adds that a Burma Railway Army unit will shortly be organised in India with a view to absorb all the employees of Burma Railways and they are to work under their own officers in India with whom they served in Burma".—A. P.

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'India Growing Hostile To Allies'

We Want Independence Not Guarantee Of Independence, Says Mahatma

ASSURANCE BY UNITED NATIONS WON'T SATISFY HIM

WARDHAGANJ, July 29.

"No guarantee is contemplated by the Congress demand, because present delivery of independence is the need of the hour, not because of distr about future delivery but because India as an independent Power wants to play, if it is at all possible, a decisive part in favour of the Allies." Thus observed Mahatma Gandhi in an exclusive interview to the "United Press of India" replying to a question whether he would be satisfied by a joint guarantee by America, China and Soviet Russia.

Gandhiji added: "India to-day is becoming progressively hostile to Allied Powers notwithstanding their ability to command recruits and the like. What is wanted is an enthusiastic response from a free and willing India. Many of us think that that is the indispensable condition of the success of Allied Arms."

Replying to another question as to what should be the nature of the Provisional Government and who should be the possible members, Gandhiji said: "It is difficult to foresee what will happen when India is declared free but I imagine that any Provisional Government to be stable in the absence of outside imposition can only be by the willing consent of the parties.

This willing consent is impossible so long as the third party is present to look up to for favours.

The Congress President has already suggested that the Government may simultaneously with the declaration of independence deliver their power to any of the organised popular parties including the Muslim League and the Congress. It will be up to the deliveree to compose with the remaining parties in order to secure stability, because in free India Government must depend wholly upon the willing consent of the people.

"It should be remembered", he added, "that all the time that free India Government is functioning, Allied troops will carry on their operations without let or hindrance, subject to a Treaty that will be negotiated between the free India Government and Allied Powers."

INDIA IS TEST OF UNITED NATIONS

Giri's Reply To Chinese Labour Leader

MADRAS, July 27.

Mr. Tsai-Tsung Fan, Secretary of the Chinese Association of Labour, Chungking, in a communication to Mr. V. V. Giri, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, expresses his confidence that the Indian people (including Labour) will, under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, join their forces with those of the United Nations "to bring about the speedy destruction of the aggressors and to establish everlasting peace in the Orient and in the world." He suggests a meeting between the Indian labour leaders and Mr. Chu Hsush-Fan, President of the Chinese Association of Labour, who is now in England, at Calcutta on his way back to China in August, "so that problems of common interest may be discussed."

Extending the support of Indian labourers to Chinese workers in "their legitimate cause for complete and unfettered economic and political freedom," Mr. Giri in his reply to Mr. Fan states that "If the Allied Nations stand for a new world order based on complete democracy for all nations they should guarantee along with England the fulfilment of these ideals in India here and now."

The text of lengthy correspondence which passed between Mr. Giri and Mr. Fan has been released to the Press.—United Press.

ANEY ATTACKS CONGRESS

(From Our Correspondent).

NAGPUR, July 28.

The Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, followed Mr. Sarkar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon in attacking the Congress on its 'Quit Britain' resolution. Speaking at National College this morning Mr. Aney said, the present resolution of the Congress is a suicidal one, as it would lead to anarchism and the threat of foreign aggression would increase.

The present Congress resolution lacks moral strength. By withdrawing the Ministries Congress threw the Provinces to the 1869 regime. Howsoever bad the Cripps' proposal might have been it was an opportunity of exhibiting to the world that Indians are capable of ruling effectively even in period of turmoil and chaos.

Mr. Aney asserted that the Congress efforts would prove futile. Gandhiji has done great disservice by saying Hindu-Muslim unity is impossible until the third party remains.

TO COMBAT JAPANESE HORDES

National Unity Will And Resistance Required

PATNA, July 28.

"We, Communists, regard that under the present historical condition our struggle against the Japanese hordes is the only real national struggle for freedom. An all-out national resistance based on the solution of urgent problems and needs of the people leads to all-international unity. National resistance combined with national unity leads irresistibly to the National Government and the liquidation of foreign rule," says Rahul Sankrityayana, the Communist leader, who has recently been released from Hazaribagh Central Jail, in the course of a statement.—United Press.

CHOICE BEFORE COMMUNISTS

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, July 28.

That Communist Members of the Congress, who are holding any positions in Congress executives will have to resign was indicated by a responsible officials of the Congress Working Committee here.

It was pointed out that the Communist members cannot carry on propaganda against the official policy of the Congress and at the same time remain on executive bodies of the Congress.

They will have to resign from these bodies, if they want to persist in anti-Congress activities.

One member of the A. I. C. C. had given notice of a resolution to the effect that Congressmen should resign from the membership of the local bodies and Legislatures.

Ghuznavi Fears Fatal Consequences

NEW DELHI, July 29.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, President of the Central National Mohammedan Association has issued the following statement to the press:—

To choose the present time, when a ruthless power is biding its opportunity to invade India, for a mass civil disobedience movement, stamps Mr. Gandhi as a pedant, with a pedant's love of theories and a pedant's inability to bring his theories into any relation with actual facts.

In all seriousness I feel that India has never been in greater danger, and that in India's interests all patriotic men, to whatever community they may belong, must join together to save the country from the effects of Mr. Gandhi's folly.—A. P.

Pandit Kunzru Puts Unity Before C. D.

CALCUTTA, July 28.

The view that the starting of a civil disobedience movement at the present time, would have a detrimental effect on India's future, was emphasised by the Hon. Pundit Hriday Nath Kunzru, in the course of a speech on "the present political situation in the country" at a public meeting at the University Institute Hall to night. Sir Bijay Prasad Singh Roy, President of the National Liberal Federation of India, was in the chair.

GOVT. WON'T QUIT

Continuing the speaker said: "The latest broadcast by Sir Stafford Cripps makes it clear that the British Government will not withdraw from this country on the demand of any section of the people. Whatever the effect on their fortune and our fortune may be we must recognise the fact that if we wanted to start civil disobedience at present moment, a struggle will be precipitated the result of which on the future of the country would be hard to predict".

Sir Bijay Prasad Singh Roy thought that it was upto every son of India to strive for communal unity. It was incumbent upon the British Government, both on political and moral grounds, to help them to make up their differences. The suggestion of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru for another Round Table Conference was welcome. In view of the international situation the speaker thought that the Congress move of civil disobedience would rather hinder than help.—A. P.

U. P. Congressman Arrested

SAHARANPUR, July 28.

Mr. Damodar Swaroop Seth, a member of the A.I.C.C. and Council of the U.P. Provincial Congress Committee was arrested yesterday at Hardwar under the Defence of India Rules. He had gone to Hardwar, with Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, M.L.A., (Central) to meet the Presidents and Secretaries of District Congress Committee.—A.P.

Alleged Lathi Charge On Merchants

(From A Correspondent.)

PALI (Marwar July 28.

Forward delivery business in cloth, yarn etc. is going on here and to-day when the merchants were peacefully carrying on transactions some constables, who were armed with lathis, assaulted the merchants in the market.

Several peaceful citizens also were injured.

Will Jodhpur Government inquire into the matter?

Willkie's China Visit

Mr. Wendell Willkie told Reuters on Tuesday night that he had been considering for a long time past making a trip to the Middle East, Russia and China.

He stated, however, that he would not be going officially.

If the trip was arranged, he would be going on his own initiative, but arrangements are still incomplete.

CHUNGKING DOESN'T KNOW IT

CHUNGKING, July 29.

Nothing is known here of the proposed visit by Mr. Wendell Willkie to Chungking.—Reuter.

U. S. Labour Demands Opening Of Second Front

"SAFETY OF UNITED NATIONS IMPERILLED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN RUSSIA"

WASHINGTON: The immediate opening of a second front is urged in a petition presented to President Roosevelt by the Industrial Jnion Council of the Congress of industrial organisations on Tuesday. It declares full support for the agreements reached between Britain, Russia and the United States on the question of a second front. "The safety of the United States and all the United Nations is imperilled by the recent critical developments of our Russian front, it adds. The petition is signed by officials of all the unions affiliated to the Council and urges a second front to be opened at once" to save millions of lives and assure quick victory."

4 Million Under Arms

The United States has now about four million men under arms, said President Roosevelt at his Press Conference on Tuesday.

Assuming that this figure included all America's armed forces it is taken here to indicate that the Army may already have reached the total of three million six-hundred thousand—the goal set by Mr. Stimson, the United States War Secretary, for the end of 1942.

Freight Transport Of Air

WASHINGTON: The Senator who sponsored the proposal for a fleet of giant "freight transport of air" to relieve shipping and carry supplies to the front pressed for speedy consideration of his plan before the military affairs sub-committee of the Senate. It is announced that on Wednesday eight aviation experts will give evidence.

"Times" On "Second Front"

LONDON, July 29.

"There is no doubt about the national desire for a 'Second Front'" says the "Times" to-day.

"It is true that strategy cannot be conducted by mass meetings and that public discussion is incompatible with the framing of any intelligent plan of campaign. It is true also that the closest union of policy is imperative between London and Washington. Nevertheless, men who are on the British side who bear at this moment the responsibility for a momentous decision are in the main, men who have been responsible for the supreme direction of the war over the past two years".—Reuter.

Canadian Army Officer Relieved Of Post

LONDON, July 29.

Colonel J. L. Ralston, the Canadian Defence Minister, announced in the House of Commons on Tuesday that Major-General E. J. C. Schmidlin, Quarter-Master General to the Canadian army, was relieved of his post before the Royal Commission of inquiry into the Hong Kong expedition.

In January the Defence Department announced that General Schmidlin was retiring "owing to ill-health".

The Canadian M. P. Boucher pointed out that there was no direct evidence against General Schmidlin although the Commission's report criticised the Quarter-Master General's branch for its failure to get transport to Vancouver in time to accompany the expedition on October 27, 1941.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

I gave a lift to Mr. Shamdasani yesterday. He was going to the High Court, as usual.

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Extract from Yusuf Meherally's valuation of Leaders of India. Meherally says: "Next to the Mahatma, Vallabhbhai Patel is the most dominant figure in Indian politics. This is not to say that he is next also in popularity or power of intellect or breadth of vision. Far from it. His personal popularity is not a fraction of Jawaharlal's; in intellectual power he is miles behind Rajagopalachari; and as for vision, I wonder if he has heard of such a thing at all."

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I have just got hold of Charles Graves's book "Off The Record." It has kept me off my work for a good hour. Here is a letter from "One of the Dunkirk boys" which was received by Graves, when he spoke of Ernest Bevin's speech as "rant". It is the voice of the younger generation that is fighting for freedom in World War II.

"I am sorry to see that you consider Bevin's speech to be 'rant.' You may think it rant, but, by God it epitomizes what we lads who were in the Army at the present time—cut off from everything—are determined to bring about, if even we get back to normal. The abolition of all class privileges, nationalization of railways and the land, doing away with the so-called governing class and the substitution of brains (instead of Old School Tie brainless nitwits) for each and every public appointment, abolition of nepotism, father's son, hereditary appointments, etc. If you think any of these things will remain you are living in a fool's paradise.....we have discussed these things at great length, and although most of us voted Conservative or Liberal in the pre-war days, we are determined that it shall never be again. The 'governing class' (God help us) will never be able to throw dust in the eyes of we youngsters again....."

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That, as I said, was the voice of Britain 1942.

MUNITION WORKERS DEMAND SECOND FRONT

MELBOURNE, July 29.

The Arms, Explosives and Ammunition Workers' Union has cabled to the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill on behalf of its 50,000 members supporting the British demands for a second front.—Reuter.

WHEN SIR C. P. TAKES CHARGE OF HIS NEW OFFICE

TRIVANDRUM, July 29.

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan of Travancore will leave here for Courtallam by car. He will leave on August 2 by the Trivandrum Express from Shencottah. The Dewan arrives in Madras on the morning of the third and takes charge of his new office by telegram. He proceeds from Madras by the Grand Trunk Express on August 3rd to Delhi reaching there by the 5th.—A.P.

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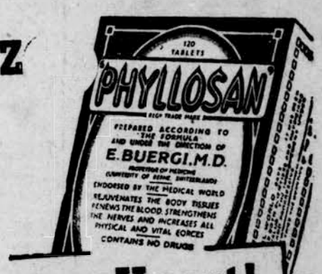
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